

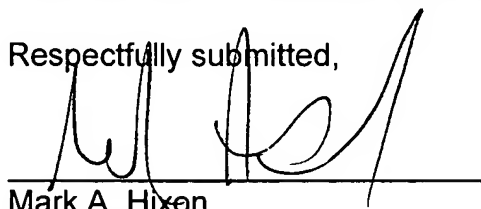
REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification and claims to eliminate multiple dependencies and to adapt the specification and claims to U.S. patent practice.

Original claims 1-12 have been canceled. New claims 13-25 have been added. Claims 13-25 are currently pending in the subject application. No new matter has been added by any of these amendments.

Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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